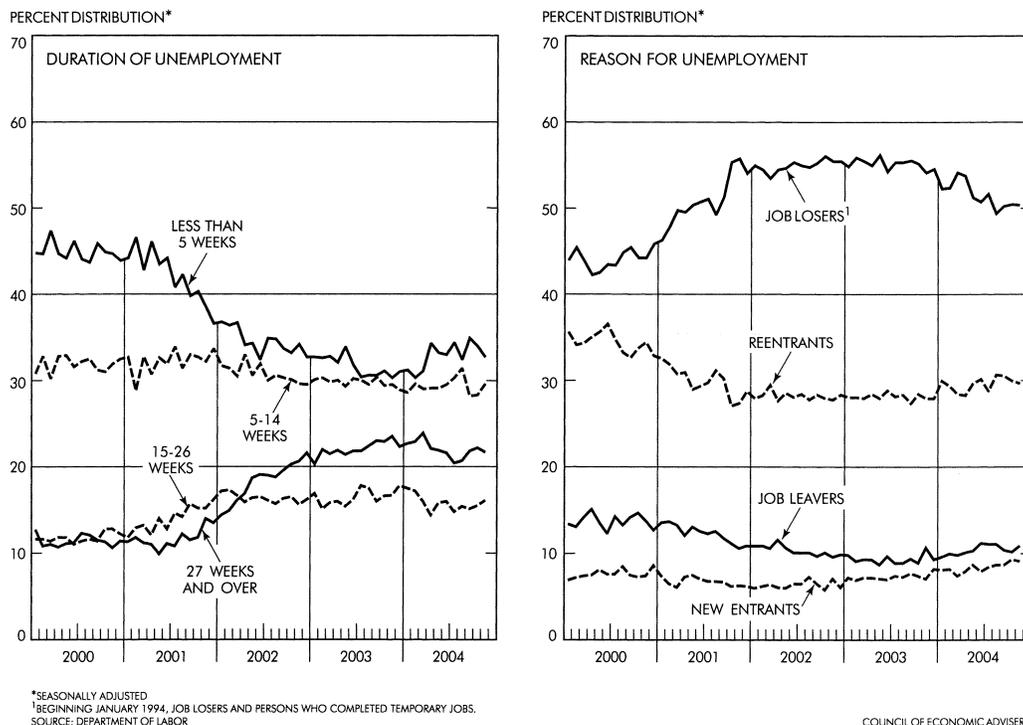


## SELECTED MEASURES OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROGRAMS

In November, the percentages of the unemployed who had been out of work for less than 5 weeks and for 27 weeks and over fell; the percentages for 5–14 weeks and for 15–26 weeks rose. The mean duration of unemployment rose to 19.9 weeks and the median duration rose to 9.8 weeks.



[Monthly data seasonally adjusted, except as noted]

Period	Un-employment (thousands)	Duration of unemployment				Number of weeks		Reason for unemployment: percent distribution				State programs		Insured unemployment, all regular programs (unadjusted) <sup>2</sup>	
		Percent distribution				Average (mean)	Median	Job losers <sup>1</sup>	Job leavers	Reentrants	New entrants	Insured unemployment	Initial claims		
		Less than 5 weeks	5–14 weeks	15–26 weeks	27 weeks and over										
														Weekly average, thousands	
1994 <sup>3</sup> .....	7,996	34.1	30.1	15.5	20.3	18.8	9.2	47.7	9.9	34.8	7.6	2,670	340	2,739	
1995 .....	7,404	36.5	31.6	14.6	17.3	16.6	8.3	46.9	11.1	34.1	7.8	2,572	357	2,633	
1996 .....	7,236	36.4	31.6	14.6	17.4	16.7	8.3	46.6	10.7	34.7	8.0	2,595	356	2,650	
1997 .....	6,739	37.7	31.7	14.8	15.8	15.8	8.0	45.1	11.8	34.7	8.4	2,323	323	2,366	
1998 .....	6,210	42.2	31.4	12.3	14.1	14.5	6.7	45.5	11.8	34.3	8.4	2,222	321	2,257	
1999 .....	5,880	43.7	31.2	12.8	12.3	13.4	6.4	44.6	13.3	34.1	8.0	2,188	298	2,219	
2000 .....	5,692	44.9	31.9	11.8	11.4	12.6	5.9	44.2	13.7	34.5	7.6	2,110	301	2,141	
2001 .....	6,801	42.0	32.3	14.0	11.8	13.1	6.8	51.1	12.3	29.9	6.8	2,974	404	3,007	
2002 .....	8,378	34.5	30.8	16.3	18.3	16.6	9.1	55.0	10.3	28.3	6.4	3,585	407	3,619	
2003 .....	8,774	31.7	29.8	16.4	22.1	19.2	10.1	55.1	9.3	28.2	7.3	3,533	402	3,571	
2003: Nov .....	8,653	30.3	29.5	16.7	23.5	20.0	10.4	54.2	10.7	28.0	7.1	3,379	369	3,203	
2003: Dec .....	8,398	31.0	28.9	17.8	22.3	19.6	10.4	54.6	9.3	28.0	8.2	3,289	362	3,544	
2004: Jan .....	8,297	31.2	28.6	17.5	22.7	19.8	10.7	52.3	9.6	30.0	8.1	3,172	356	3,703	
2004: Feb .....	8,170	30.3	29.6	17.2	22.9	20.3	10.3	52.4	10.0	29.4	8.2	3,139	356	3,976	
2004: Mar .....	8,352	31.1	29.0	16.0	23.9	20.1	10.3	54.2	9.8	28.5	7.4	3,028	339	3,571	
2004: Apr .....	8,164	34.3	29.1	14.4	22.1	19.7	9.5	53.8	10.1	28.3	7.9	2,970	342	2,971	
2004: May .....	8,203	33.2	29.1	15.8	21.9	20.0	10.0	51.3	10.3	29.7	8.7	2,928	342	2,844	
2004: June .....	8,248	33.0	29.5	16.0	21.6	19.9	10.8	50.8	11.2	30.2	7.9	2,921	341	2,869	
2004: July .....	8,196	34.4	30.3	14.8	20.4	18.6	8.9	51.7	11.1	28.8	8.4	2,888	340	2,724	
2004: Aug .....	8,022	32.4	31.4	15.4	20.7	19.0	9.4	49.4	11.1	30.7	8.7	2,884	340	<sup>2</sup> 2,914	
2004: Sept .....	8,003	34.9	28.2	15.1	21.8	19.6	9.5	50.3	10.4	30.6	8.7	2,856	345	<sup>2</sup> 2,401	
2004: Oct .....	8,072	34.0	28.3	15.5	22.2	19.6	9.5	50.5	10.2	30.0	9.3	2,803	342	2,426	
2004: Nov .....	8,027	32.7	29.6	16.1	21.7	19.9	9.8	50.4	10.9	29.7	9.1	.....	<sup>2</sup> 337	.....	

<sup>1</sup> Beginning January 1994, job losers and persons who completed temporary jobs.

<sup>2</sup> Includes State (50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Virgin Islands), ex-servicemen (UCX), and Federal (UCFE). Also includes Federal and State extended benefit programs. Does not include Railroad (RR) program, Federal supplemental compensation or Emergency Unemployment Compensation programs.

<sup>3</sup> See footnote 2, p. 11.

NOTE.—Data relate to persons age 16 years and over (except for insured unemployment and initial claims).

Source: Department of Labor (Bureau of Labor Statistics and Employment and Training Administration).